THE JUNGLE HOLDS MANY MYSTERIES – THE PHANTOM'S FABULOUS SKULL THRONE AND CAVE --

--- THE JADE HUT AT THE GOLDEN BEACH OF KEELA-WEE.
FALK & BARRY 11/8

THE PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN -- WHERE ALL ANIMALS LIVE IN PEACE.

STRANGEST OF ALL -- THE LOST CITY CALLED PHEENIX.

OLD MAN MOZ -- THE STORY-TELLER.
OLD MAN MOZ, TELL US THE TALE OF THE LOST CITY--
NOT FAR FROM HERE, AS THE FALCON FLIES --
FALK & BARRY 11/9

"ONLY RUINS NOW -- ALMOST SWALLOWED BY THE JUNGLE."

IN ANCIENT TIMES, A RICH, POWERFUL CITY!
BUT IT WAS CURSED AND DESTROYED BY THE GODS.
WHY?

WHY WAS THAT CITY DESTROYED AND CURSED, OLD MAN MOZ?
IT WAS AN EVIL PLACE WITH A CRUEL KING.
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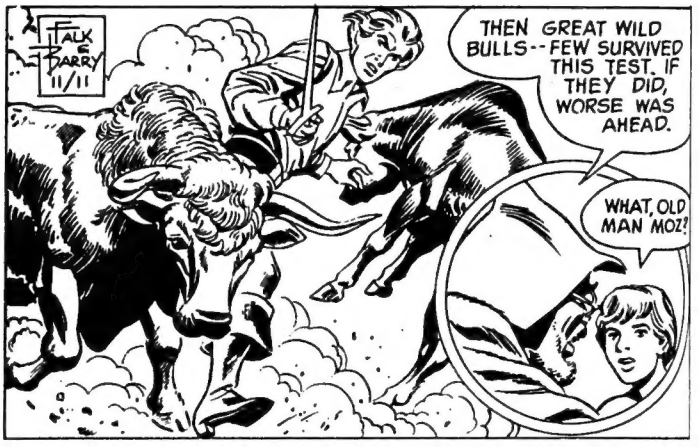
"THIS KING HAD A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER WHO APPEARED AS GENTLE AS A DOVE."

"BUT SHE WAS AS CRUEL AS HER FATHER."

YET, BECAUSE OF HER GREAT BEAUTY (AND WEALTH) MANY SUITORS CAME -- THE FOOLS.

TO WIN THE BEAUTEOUS (AND RICH) PRINCESS. THE SUITOR HAD TO PROVE HIMSELF.

"FIRST TO PASS THROUGH A CAVE FILLED WITH POISONOUS CRAWLING THINGS."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THEN GREAT WILD BULLS -- FEW SURVIVED THIS TEST. IF THEY DID, WORSE WAS AHEAD.
WHAT, OLD MAN MOZ?

IF THE SUITOR SURVIVED THE CAVE OF POISON THINGS AND THE WILD BULLS--

"--THEN JUNGLE LIONS TORE HIM APART IN THE KING'S ARENA."
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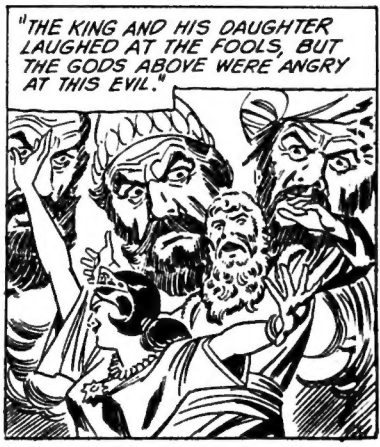
DID ANYONE WIN THE CRUEL PRINCESS?
NONE, THE TASKS WERE SO IMPOSSIBLE --YET THEY CONTINUED TO TRY.


"THE KING AND HIS DAUGHTER LAUGHED AT THE FOOLS, BUT THE GODS ABOVE WERE ANGRY AT THIS EVIL."

NOT ONLY WERE HOPEFUL SUITORS OF THE PRINCESS DESTROYED IN THAT EVIL CITY.
OLD MAN MOZ'S TALE OF THE LOST CITY...

ALL TRAVELERS WERE ROBBED, AND KILLED.

NOW THE GODS LOST PATIENCE WITH THIS EVIL AND HURLED THUNDERBOLTS AND DESTROYED THE PLACE--
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THE GODS DESTROYED THE EVIL CITY--AND PUT A CURSE ON IT...
"THEY DECREED IT WOULD RETURN WITH THE COMING OF A CERTAIN COMET IN THE SKY."

"WHEN THIS COMET RETURNS, THE CITY WILL BE REBORN FOR ONE NIGHT TO SEEK FORGIVENESS--"

THERE ARE MANY COMETS. WHICH ONE, MOZ?
THE ONE CALLED-- PHANTOM COMET.
?!
FALK & BARRY 11/15

A COMET CALLED "PHANTOM?"
IT'S CALLED THAT BECAUSE ITS ORBIT IS HARD TO PREDICT.

WHEN THE PHANTOM COMET RETURNS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LOST CITY?

"IT RISES FROM THE ASHES, REBORN FOR A SINGLE NIGHT."

"THEN THE EVIL KING AND HIS DAUGHTER AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE STRANGER WHO WILL END THE ANCIENT CURSE."
FALK & BARRY 11/16

QUITE A TALE, OLD MAN MOZ. IT'S TIME FOR BED, BOYS.
WAIT, YOU DIDN'T FINISH!
?

YOU SAID THE CITY WAS DESTROYED AND CURSED BY GODS... AND THEN COMES BACK FOR A SINGLE NIGHT WITH THE GOLDEN COMET--

AND THE CURSE WILL END WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A STRANGER--
WHO IS THE STRANGER?
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?!
THE STRANGER IS -- THE PHANTOM.

UNCLE WALKER* PLEASE TAKE US WITH YOU TO FIND THE LOST CITY.
MAYBE SOME DAY.
*FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.

AT THE EDGE OF THE DEEP WOODS--
I AM OBIJU OF OONGAAN. MUST SEE PHANTOM--!
COME.

OBIJU -- THE JUNGLE OLYMPIC CHAMPION!
WE NEED YOUR HELP, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

OUR HUNTERS WOUNDED A GREAT TIGER, BUT COULD NOT KILL HIM -- NOW IT TERRORIZES OUR VILLAGE.
FALK & BARRY 11/18

I'LL GO TO YOUR VILLAGE AT ONCE AND HUNT THE WOUNDED TIGER, OBIJU.

COME, DEVIL.

ODD -- THAT THIS COMES JUST AFTER HEARING ABOUT THE LOST CITY. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CONNECTION.

IN THE SKY -- A GOLDEN LIGHT.
YET SOMEHOW I FEEL THERE IS.
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"THE PHANTOM'S GREAT STALLION, HERO, MOVES ON THE WINGS OF THE WIND." -- OLD JUNGLE SAYING.

THE OONGAAN WOUNDED A LARGE TIGER BUT COULDN'T KILL IT. NOTHING MORE DANGEROUS.
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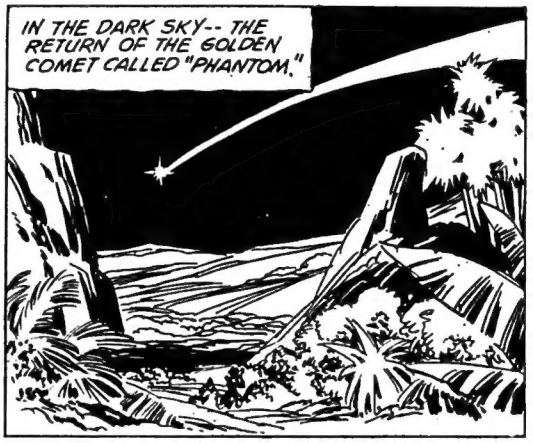
WANTON, KILLING!


IN THE DARK SKY -- THE RETURN OF THE GOLDEN COMET CALLED "PHANTOM."

THE VILLAGE OF OONGAAN...
WELCOME, O GHOST WHO WALKS!
TELL ME ABOUT THE TIGER.
"WE CAME UPON THIS GIANT. IT WAS HUNGRY-- AND FEARLESS."
!!
"WE FOUGHT IT AS BEST WE COULD--"
WE FLED, LEAVING ONE DEAD--AND THE WOUNDED BEAST. A BAD THING TO DO.
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"THEN THE TIGER ATTACKED OUR HERDS."
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"OUR WOMEN FEAR TO WORK THE FIELDS."
"AT NIGHT HE HOWLS AT OUR WALLS, AS IF SEEKING REVENGE FOR THE WOUND."
WHERE IS IT NOW?
WE THINK--BEYOND THE HIGH GRASS AMONG THE HAUNTED RUINS
BRING ME YOUR STRONGEST SPEAR.
YOU CANNOT HUNT THAT WOUNDED MONSTER WITH A SPEAR.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY SINCE I HAVE NO HIGH-POWERED RIFLE.
YOU CANNOT GO ALONE.
BETTER I GO ALONE WITH DEVIL.
TAKE CARE OF HERO UNTIL I RETURN.
IF HE RETURNS--
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TO GO ALONE AFTER THAT WOUNDED BEAST IN THE HAUNTED RUINS--TOO MUCH.
THEY SAID THE TIGER WAS BEYOND THE HIGH GRASS-- IT MAY HAVE COME BACK. STAY SHARP, DEVIL.
HE MOVES CAUTIOUSLY.
A BAD PLACE TO FACE A WOUNDED TIGER--
THE "HAUNTED RUINS". IS THE TIGER HIDING IN THERE?
THIS IS THE LOST CITY OLD MAN MOZ TALKED ABOUT.
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THIS IS THE RUINS OF THE CURSED CITY THAT OLD MAN MOZ TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY--

THE TIGER COULD BE ANYWHERE HERE--

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A STAR? BUT IT'S STILL DAYLIGHT. NO-- NOT A STAR-- A COMET!

THE CURSE WILL END WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE STRANGER--
?

OLD MAN MOZ'S FAIRY TALE--
THE GOLDEN COMET RETURNS, THE CURSED CITY IS REBORN FOR A NIGHT. THIS CURSE WILL END WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A STRANGER-- THE PHANTOM.

THE COMET MAKES IT ALL SEEM REAL-- SUCH RUBBISH-- I'M HERE TO FIND A TIGER-- NOT A FAIRY TALE.

WAITING SOMEWHERE-- IN THE RUINS--
FALK & BARRY 11/27

AS THE PHANTOM HUNTS THE WOUNDED TIGER IN THE "HAUNTED" RUINS OF THE LOST CITY--

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GRR!

THROUGH THE CENTURIES, NO LONE MAN EVER HUNTED A BENGALI TIGER WITH A SPEAR--
WHAT A WHOPPER!
FALK & BARRY 11/29

THE BRAVE MOUNTAIN WOLF LEAPS AT AN ANCIENT ENEMY--
NO, DEVIL!

ONE SWEEP OF THE GREAT PAW SENDS HIM FLYING--

700 POUNDS OF FIGHTING MUSCLE LEAPS AT THE PHANTOM!
!
FALK & BARRY 11/30

THE WOUNDED TIGER HURLS 100 POUNDS OF FIGHTING MUSCLE AT THE PHANTOM -- THE SPEAR FINDS A VITAL SPOT--
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BUT THE GREAT CHARGE CARRIES HIM TO THE GROUND.

HIS KNIFE IS OUT INSTANTLY AS CRUEL CLAWS RAKE HIM.

IN THE "HAUNTED" RUINS OF THE LOST CITY -- THE PHANTOM AND TIGER BATTLE TO THE DEATH --

THE PHANTOM TRIES TO STILL THE GREAT BEAST AS IT WRITHES IN ITS DEATH THROES.

THEN -- DEAD TIGER AND UNCONSCIOUS PHANTOM LIE IN THE RUINS OF THE ANCIENT CURSED CITY CALLED PHEENIX.
FALK & BARRY 12/2

AFTER A TERRIFIC BATTLE -- THE TIGER IS DEAD — THE PHANTOM UNCONSCIOUS AMONG THE RUINS...

WHEN THE GOLDEN COMET RETURNS, THE CITY IS REBORN -- SEEKING TO END ITS CURSE --

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AS THE UNCONSCIOUS PHANTOM AND THE DEAD TIGER LIE IN THE RUINS OF THE ANCIENT CITY CALLED PHEENIX --
WHEN THE GOLDEN COMET RETURNS, THE ANCIENT CITY IS REBORN, SEEKING TO END ITS CURSE --
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AND -- THE CURSE MAY END ONLY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE STRANGER -- CALLED PHANTOM.
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RUINS OF THE CURSED CITY CALLED PHEENIX -- WHEN THE GOLDEN "PHANTOM" COMET COMES --

--"AND THE STRANGER CALLED PHANTOM ARRIVES--"

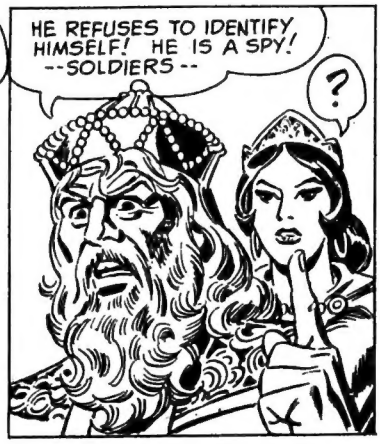
"THEN," SAY THE ANCIENT LEGENDS--"THE CITY WILL BE REBORN FOR A SINGLE NIGHT."
??
FALK & BARRY 12/6

HE IS A HERO... HE KILLED THAT GREAT BEAST... WHO IS HE?...

HE IS WEAK FROM HIS BATTLE...
??
FALK & BARRY 12/7

WHO ARE YOU, HEROIC YOUTH?
WHERE AM I? WHAT IS ALL THIS?
HOW DID YOU COME HERE?

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT IS YOUR NAME? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MAY I ASK THE SAME QUESTIONS?!


HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF! HE IS A SPY! --SOLDIERS --
?

HE COMES MASKED TO SPY AND BETRAY US TO OUR ENEMIES! KILL HIM!
FATHER?
?!
FALK & BARRY 12/8

NO, FATHER, NO--!
SOLDIER, KILL THE MASKED SPY!

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THEY ARE STUNNED--AS THOUGH THEY NEVER HEARD THIS SOUND BEFORE!
WHAT IS --THAT?!
LIKE A CRACK OF THUNDER!

LIKE A THUNDERBOLT... FROM THE SKY!
THEY ACT LIKE THEY NEVER HEARD A GUNSHOT BEFORE!
IN THE STRANGE CITY CALLED PHEENIX--

WHO ARE YOU, STRANGER?
I AM CALLED PHANTOM.
FALK & BARRY 12/10

PHANTOM! AT LAST YOU HAVE COME TO SAVE US!

YOU ARE THE STRANGER CALLED PHANTOM!
COME BACK... HE IS THE ONE WE HAVE WAITED FOR!

YOU WILL END THE CURSE AND SAVE US!
HE WILL SAVE US! HE WILL SAVE US!
ARE THEY ALL CRAZY?
FALK & BARRY 12/11

WELCOME, PHANTOM!
YOU'VE COME AT LAST TO LIFT THE CURSE FROM US.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
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COME INSIDE, A FEAST AWAITS. WE WILL TELL YOU --

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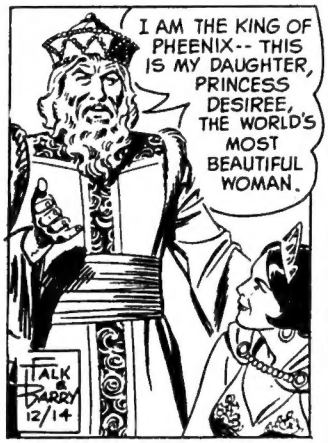
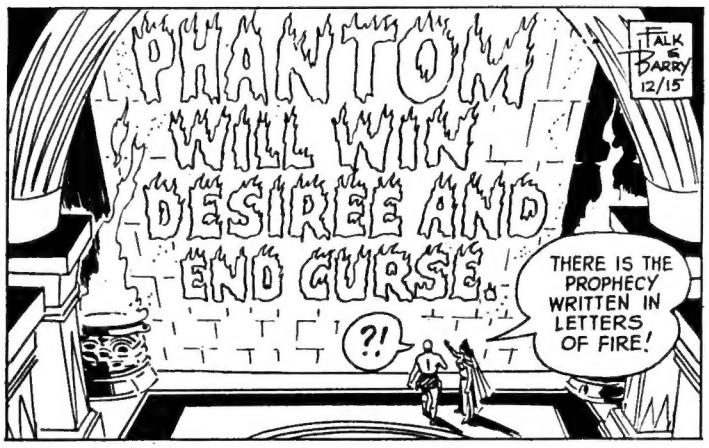
A TOAST -- TO THE STRANGER CALLED PHANTOM!
HE HAS COME TO FREE US FROM THE CURSE OF THE GODS.
STOP! TELL ME WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT THIS MEANS!


I AM THE KING OF PHEENIX-- THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, PRINCESS DESIREE, THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.
FALK & BARRY 12/14

YOU ARE THE HERO WHO WILL WIN MY HAND AND FULFILL THE PROPHECY.
I AM? --ER-- WHAT PROPHECY?


PHANTOM WILL WIN DESIREE AND END CURSE.
?!
THERE IS THE PROPHECY WRITTEN IN LETTERS OF FIRE!
TALK & BARRY 12/15

BUT I DO NOT WISH TO WIN DESIREE.
YOU DO NOT WISH TO WIN --ME?

BUT YOU MUST, PHANTOM! IT IS WRITTEN IN FIRE!

PHANTOM WILL WIN
SORRY-- I DID NOT WRITE IT.
OUR HERO IS BASHFUL-- COME, GIRLS--
YOU MUST WIN THE PRINCESS! YOU SEE, IT IS WRITTEN!
TALK & BARRY 12/16

BASHFUL HERO--
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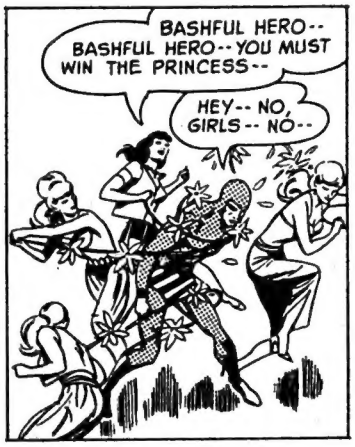
BASHFUL HERO--
HEY!


BASHFUL HERO-- BASHFUL HERO-- YOU MUST WIN THE PRINCESS--
HEY-- NO, GIRLS-- NO--

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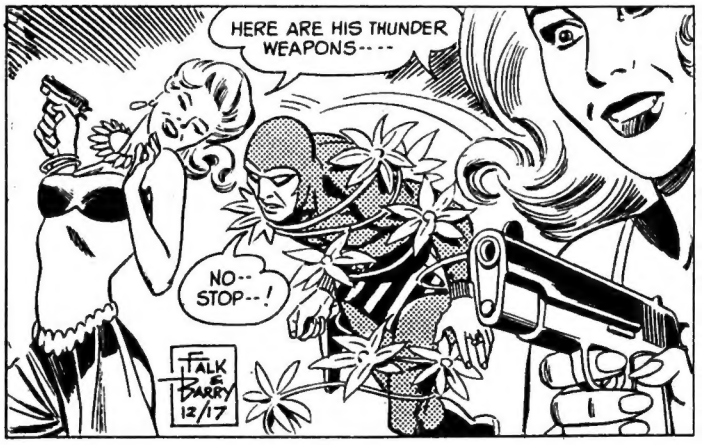
HERE ARE HIS THUNDER WEAPONS----
NO-- STOP--!
TALK & BARRY 12/17

I THOUGHT THEY WERE FLOWER CHAINS-- THEY'RE CABLES! CAN'T BREAK THEM!
NOR CAN YOU BREAK THE PROPHECY, PHANTOM. YOU MUST WIN THE PRINCESS.

TAKE HIM TO THE TESTING GROUND!

PHANTOM WILL WIN DESIREE AND END CURSE.
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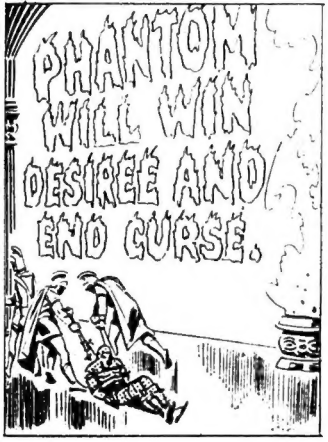
TALK & BARRY 12/18



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A MIGHTY LEAP CARRIES HIM OUT OF THE WILD BULL'S PATH!
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THE SECOND BULL CHARGES... NO PLACE TO STEP ASIDE HERE.
TWO OF THEM!

FOOL -- HE'S RUNNING THE WRONG WAY!
HE MUST WIN! IT IS WRITTEN!

IN THE CAVES -- GIANT WILD BULLS -- THE SECOND TEST TO WIN THE HAND OF PRINCESS DESIREE.
HE MUST ESCAPE. RUN, PHANTOM, RUN --!
HE IS RUNNING -- THE WRONG WAY!

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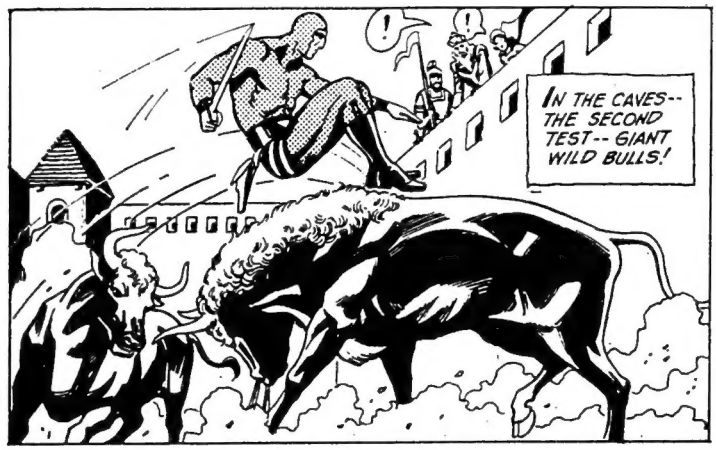
HE'S LEAPING AT THE BULL! MADNESS!
HE WILL BE KILLED!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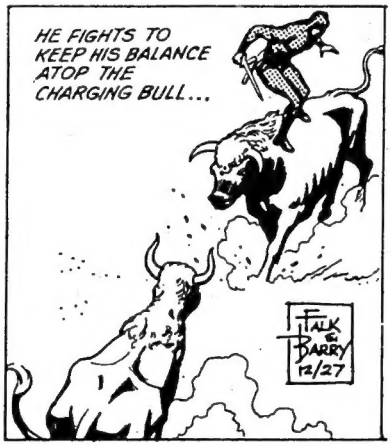
HE FIGHTS TO KEEP HIS BALANCE ATOP THE CHARGING BULL...
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HE'LL FALL... THEY'LL KILL HIM!

AS THE WILD BULL TRIES MADLY TO THROW THE RIDER --

HE LEAPS UPON THE SECOND BULL --
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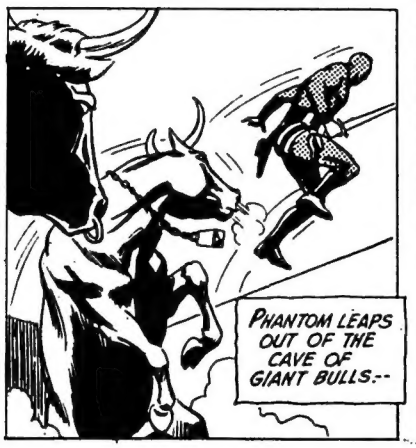
FROM THERE -- OUT OF THE CAVE -- INTO THE OPEN AIR --
NOW WHAT?

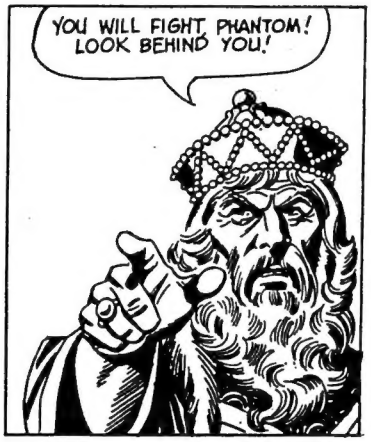
NOW THE FINAL TEST!


PHANTOM LEAPS OUT OF THE CAVE OF GIANT BULLS--

WAITING FOR ME?!

YES, WE ARE ALL WAITING FOR YOU, PHANTOM, AND SO ARE THEY!
!
FALK & BARRY 12/29

CONQUER THE BEASTS AND WIN MY HAND, HERO. THEN THE PROPHECY WILL COME TRUE.
I DO NOT WISH TO KILL THE BEASTS-- OR WIN YOUR HAND, DESIREE. SORRY.


YOU WILL FIGHT PHANTOM! LOOK BEHIND YOU!

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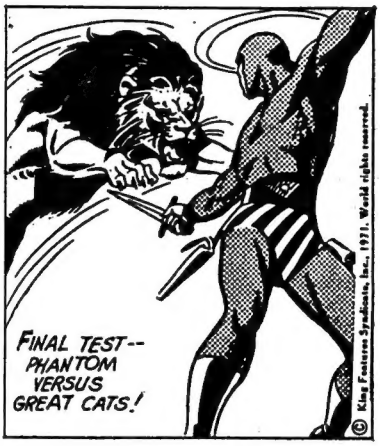
FINAL TEST-- PHANTOM VERSUS GREAT CATS!
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HE MEETS THE CHARGE WITH A LUNGE!
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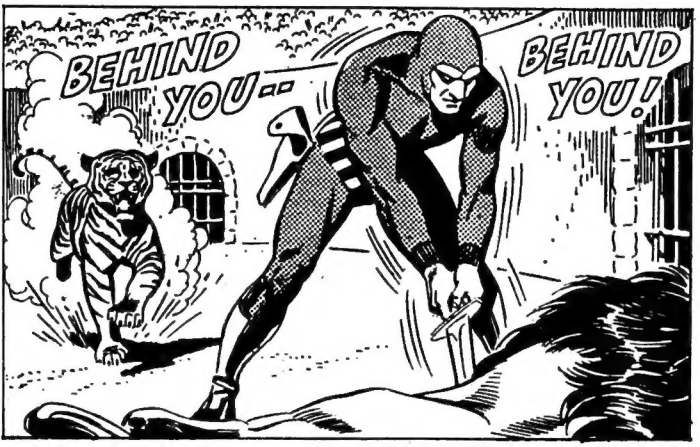
HIS SWORD IS CAUGHT UNDER THE HEAVY BEAST---!
MY SWORD--
BEHIND YOU, PHANTOM!


BEHIND YOU--
BEHIND YOU!

TURN, HERO, TURN!

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FALK & BARRY 1/1

THE KING'S ARENA--THE FINAL TEST--THE GIANT TIGER.
BEHIND YOU, HERO!

HE WHIPS OUT HIS KNIFE--"PHANTOM IS QUICKER THAN A CAT"--OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
FALK & BARRY 1/3

AND THE BATTLE GOES ON---MAN AGAINST TIGER!

THE PHANTOM BATTLES THE GREAT TIGER--
FALK & BARRY 1/4

THE GREAT CROWD IS TENSE--SILENT--

HE WON! HE WON! HE WON! HE WON!
HE WON ME! OUR CURSE IS ENDED!

PHANTOM WILL WIN DESIREE AND END CURSE
THE PROPHECY IS FULFILLED--YOU HAVE WON DESIREE--OUR CURSE IS ENDED!
FALK & BARRY 1/5

BUT I DO NOT WISH TO--UH--

PHANTOM--HERO--YOU CANNOT DIE NOW!

PHANTOM--HERO--YOU CANNOT DIE NOW. YOU MUST STAY WITH ME--I AM DESIREE, YOUR PRINCESS!

HE AWAKENS NOW--
?

OH----OBIJU--UH--WHERE--WHERE AM I?
IN THE HAUNTED RUINS, PHANTOM--WHERE YOU KILLED THE WOUNDED TIGER.
FALK & BARRY 1/6

WAS THERE A CITY HERE... A KING, A PRINCESS--OR DID I DREAM IT?
YOU DREAMED IT, PHANTOM--
TALK & BARRY 1/7

THE PROPHECY-- THE THREE TESTS-- CREEPY CRAWLIES-- WILD BULLS--LION AND THE TIGER-- AND DESIREE----?
I DREAMED ALL THAT?

SOMEHOW NOW IT SEEMS DIFFERENT HERE--
DIFFERENT?

OBIJU, YOU SAID THESE RUINS SEEM DIFFERENT NOW? HOW?
WHEN I WAS LAST HERE IT WAS A SCARY PLACE-- HAUNTED BY CURSED GHOSTS, AND THERE WERE NO FLOWERS.
TALK & BARRY 1/8

BUT NOW IT SEEMS PEACEFUL AS THOUGH THE CURSED GHOSTS ARE NO MORE--AND THERE ARE FLOWERS!

WAS ALL THAT A DREAM?

WAS IT A DREAM?
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE